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93% OF SHELTON DEVELOPMENTAL READING STUDENTS INCREASE READING ABILITY BY ONE GRADE LEVEL

In a recent study of students enrolled in the developmental reading program at the college, 93% of those surveyed increased their reading ability by one grade level between the pre-test and post-test period. The study, which was conducted by Arthur Howington, dean of academic services at the college, examined the differences in Nelson-Denny reading test grade-equivalent scores in 13 reading classes which were taught by Fran Turner during the Fall 1993, Spring 1994, and Summer 1994 semesters at the college.

The Nelson-Denny reading test has been a widely acclaimed test instrument since its creation in 1929. It serves as a national norm and is recognized as a reliable means of measurement in schools, colleges, and universities.

Of the 250 students enrolled in the developmental reading program at Shelton, 183 or 73% participated in the study. One hundred and seventy-one students (93%) registered an increase in grade level between the pre-test and post-test period.

The mean increase demonstrated by the total number of students was 17 months, almost two years.

The median increase demonstrated by the total number of students was 14 months.

171 STUDENTS
REGISTERED AN
INCREASE IN
GRADE LEVEL
BETWEEN THE
PRE-TEST AND
POST-TEST
PERIOD.

The students in Reading 084 showed the largest mean increase, 24 months. The mean increase for the students in Reading 085 was 14 months; while the mean increase for the students in Reading 113 was 18 months. The median increase for students in Reading 084 was 25.5 months; for Reading 085, the median increase was 13 months; and for Reading 113, it was 14 months.

"This data seems to indicate clearly that Shelton State's reading classes that were studied were effective in improving the reading skills of the students enrolled," said Arthur Howington, dean of academic services at the college.

IT'S AN HONOR

***FRAN TURNER** and **RUBY BENNETT** will be "job sharing" the office of secretary for Post Secondary Reading Council, the professional organization for college reading instructors in the state.

***HUGH KYNARD**, dean of technical services, has received an invitation from the National Aeronautics Space Association (NASA) to attend the launching of the next space shuttle on March 2. The launching will be held at the Kennedy Space Center.

FACES AND PLACES

***DAVID FREEMAN**, dean of external affairs, appeared recently on the Behind the Scenes program on WTJP television, Channel 60, in Gadsden. The discussion on the program centered on "The Emergence of African Americans in Today's Society." This live broadcast was televised to 26 counties in the state and included an opportunity for viewers to call in questions and comments.

***LOUISE LEWIS** recently served as co-moderator along with Jim Ford of Stillman College for a forum on The Drug Crisis: Public Strategies for Breaking the Habit." The forum was held in the Stinson Auditorium at Stillman College. Co-sponsors of the forum were Stillman College Community Service Center and the Partnership for a Drug-Free Tuscaloosa.

***Fairfield Mayor Larry Langford** was the luncheon speaker for the recent youthbuild Program that was held recently on the C.A. Fredd Campus. The Youthbuild Program is administered through the HUD office and is designed to provide academic and technical training to high school dropouts between the ages of 16 and 21 years of age. The luncheon meeting was sponsored by the Community Service Programs of West Alabama.

***JOHNNY PARKER**, a native of Birmingham, was recently named director for process improvement at Shelton State. Parker received his bachelor of arts degree from Auburn University and his master of arts degree from Mississippi State University. Before joining Shelton, he was an assistant professor at Mississippi State University. From 1977 until 1988, he was a commissioned officer for the Department of Defense, United States Army. He is currently personnel officer for the United States Army Reserve in Birmingham.

***RONALD RANGE**, who is the new coordinator for institutional research at the college, will be responsible for all activities related to institutional research and planning.

Range has served as assistant coordinator/institutional research for the college since 1992. He received his B.A. degree in business administration from Stillman College and his M.A. degree in public administration from the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

***Shelton's dean of academic services, ARTHUR HOWINGTON**, has been named official historian for Shelton State Community College. As historian, Howington will be responsible for preparing an official history of the institution and updating it on an annual basis.

***RONNIE ROSE** and **WILLIAM ALDRIDGE** represented Shelton State at the annual dinner meeting and awards presentation of the United Way of Tuscaloosa County.

***Shelton State instructor WILLIAM ALDRIDGE** attended a joint meeting of the Birmingham section and Tuscaloosa subsection of the American Society for Quality Control. The meeting included a tour of the JVC Disc plant as well as an overview of their ISO 9000 Certification Program.

ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

GREGORY PHELAN, a 21-year-old student from Mexico, has had an exhibit of photographs entitled, "Wordless Poems," in the Skyland Campus library during the month of February. Phelan was born in the Dominican Republic and spent most of his life traveling and living in various countries. After living in Caracas, Venezuela, Phelan moved back to Mexico where he began his studies in photography. His pictures depict life in Mexico in a unique and varied manner. The exhibit includes pictures of a mental hospital, downtown Mexico (el Zocalo) and the San Luis Potosi dessert (Wadly). Phelan photographs life in its present and sometimes most shocking way. Phelan plans to continue his studies at Shelton where he is majoring in art.

SSANS BLOOD DRIVE

The Shelton State Association of Nursing Students announces its annual blood drive March 21 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the auditorium of the Skyland Boulevard Campus. United Blood Services of Meridian will be collecting the donations.

This organization provides blood and blood products to over 80 hospitals, including DCH Regional Medical Center and DCH-Northport.

On March 15 a representative from UBS will speak from 10-10:30 a.m. in Room 406. Anyone who would like more information is invited to attend. To give blood, donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and have correct identification. It must have been at least eight weeks since the donor last gave blood.

SSANS challenges all

students, organizations, faculty, and administrators to donate and show support for this worthy and needy cause. There will be door prizes and other giveaways. Help Save Lives, Give Blood! March 21.

PTK NEWS

Shelton State's Phi Theta Kappa Chapter, in cooperation with the Tuscaloosa Mental Health Association, will sponsor a depression screening on March 2 from 12:15 - 7 p.m. in the Skyland auditorium. The screening will include a presentation by Dr. Randy Jarrell, who will explain the nature of depression, and a video focusing on depression. Professionals will be available for additional counseling. The public is invited to take advantage of this opportunity.

SPEAKING OUT

***FRAN TURNER,**

Shelton reading instructor, spoke to Post Secondary Reading Council Friday, February 17, at the Winter Seminar which was held at Alabama State University in Montgomery.

*** DAVID FREEMAN**, dean of external affairs, was the guest speaker for the recent Black History Month program at Parker High School in Birmingham.

FROM THE LIBRARY Faculty and staff Loan Period Changed

When due dates and loan privileges were established for "SHELBY" last fall, faculty and staff members were given the same three-week circulation period as students. After using this loan period for a semester and receiving input from

the individual faculty members and the subcommittee on the library, the loan period has been changed to 42 days.

The subcommittee on the Library also reviewed the practice initiated through SHELBY last semester of sending three notices to faculty and staff members regarding overdue books. As recommended by the subcommittee, the practice will continue unchanged. The purpose of the reminder is to encourage all library users to return borrowed materials in a timely fashion so that they are available for other library users.

DEANS CORNER

*Arthur Howington,
dean of academic affairs*

Recently, the Suggestion Box located outside my office on the Skyland Campus contained a request that we make typewriters available for student use somewhere on the Skyland Campus. In response, we have placed two typewriters in the Success Center. This is an excellent idea and I hope that in the future more people will place suggestions in the Suggestion Box. We do follow up on the ideas that

are placed in the box.

ITC MEETING SCHEDULE

March 7 2-3 p.m.

Rm 134 Skyland

April 4 2-3 p.m.

Rm 134 Skyland

April 25 2-3 p.m.

Rm 134 Skyland

ATTENTION FACULTY

The National Endowment for the Humanities is offering some special programs to faculty and staff of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The programs offered include special opportunities for the preservation of important library and archival materials at the colleges and universities as well as archival training. The deadline for applications is March 15. Please call Frances Dodd, 391-2449, for additional information.

THIS MONTH ON CAMPUS

Professional Development Activity for Administrators

Friday, March 3

12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Renee Culverhouse,
director of legal and
personnel services for the

department of
Postsecondary Education,
will be the presenter.
Topics to be discussed
include sexual harassment,
Americans with Disabilities
Act, the privacy act and
other risk management
topics.

C O F F E E GROUNDINGS

The next Coffee
Grounding will be held
Friday, March 3, from
7:30 - 9 a.m. in the Life
Writing Center/Adult
Studies Building located on
the Skyland Campus.
Come join your friends and
colleagues for an informal
social hour. For additional
information, contact Lucy
Kubiszyn, ext.2221.

Buccaneer Softball

March 3:Wallace @ Selma
There 2 p.m.

March 9:Meridian C.C.
Livingston 3 p.m.

March 13:Bevill-Sumiton
There 4 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL Tournament Schedule March 1-4AJCC Region 22 Tournament Bay Minette